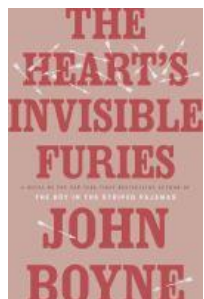


# Rise to the Challenge Reading Program:

Read a book set in an area that your ancestors are from

Step back in time and explore the world your ancestors may have seen with a fiction or nonfiction book set in the place they (and you) are from.

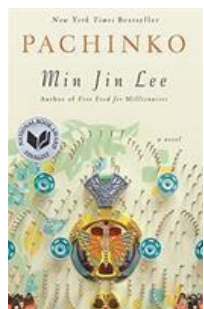


## [The Heart's Invisible Furies](#)

by John Boyne

**Location:** Ireland

**Descriptors:** Fiction; Coming of age; LGBTQ+; Mothers and sons; Character driven



## [Pachinko](#)

by Min Jin Lee

**Location:** Korea

**Descriptors:** Historical fiction; Family sagas; Multiple generations; Immigration; Identity

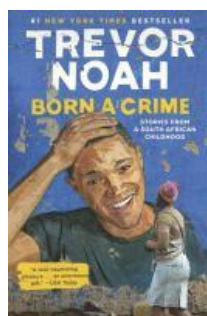


## [The Bear and the Nightingale](#)

by Katherine Arden

**Location:** Russia

**Descriptors:** Historical fantasy; Medieval; Magic; Spirits; Folktale; Strong women



## [Born a Crime](#)

by Trevor Noah

**Location:** South Africa

**Descriptors:** Nonfiction; Memoir; Childhood; Comedians; Funny; Reflective





### [Convenience Store Woman](#)

by Sayaka Murata

**Location:** Japan

**Descriptors:** Fiction; Social norms; Misfits; Quirky; Engaging



### [The Magician](#)

Colm Tóibín

**Location:** Germany

**Descriptors:** Biographical fiction; Family relationships; Secrets; LGBTQ+; Moving

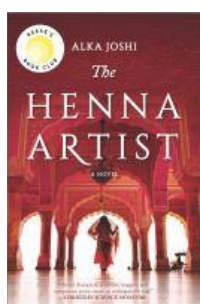


### [My Sister, the Serial Killer](#)

by Oyinkan Braithwaite

**Location:** Nigeria

**Descriptors:** Fiction; Family relationships; Serial murder; Darkly humorous; Satirical

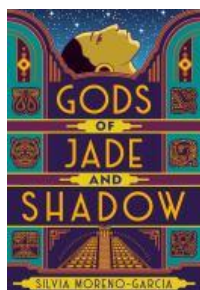


### [The Henna Artist](#)

by Alka Joshi

**Location:** India

**Descriptors:** Historical fiction; 1950s; Women artists; Self-discovery; Atmospheric



### [Gods of Jade and Shadow](#)

by Sylvia Moreno-Garcia

**Location:** Mexico

**Descriptors:** Historical fantasy; 1920s; Magic; Mayan gods; Quests

